

Representative Henry A. Waxman
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Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be the sponsor of this resolution to authorize the use of the Capitol rotunda on April 19, 2007 for the annual congressional ceremony to commemorate the Holocaust.

The United States was one of the first countries to adopt a national day for Holocaust commemoration. It is one of the only nations in the world to observe *Yom Hashoah*, Holocaust Heroes and Remembrance Day, on the same day chosen by the State of Israel – the Hebrew anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising.

Each year, on *Yom Hashoah* communities around the United States come together to memorialize the millions who perished. We remember the heroism of those who fought back and pay tribute to the survivors and the tremendous courage and strength it took for them to rebuild their lives. We stand against the anti-Semitism and intolerance that fed the Nazi machine and sadly continues to resurface today.

While this resolution may be routine by nature, it is a testament to the commitment of Congress to make sure that the history of the Holocaust is never forgotten or repeated.

I would like to thank the House Administration for its work on this legislation. I encourage all of my colleagues to participate in the ceremony in the rotunda.